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	First Named Inventor	HÖTTEN et al.
	Group Art Unit	1647
	Examiner Name	D. Romeo
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Title of the Invention: NEW GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- $\beta$ FAMILY		

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 15, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.